EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-009

PLACING SIPALAY CITY UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them pursuant to the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, Section 6, Article III of the 1987 Constitution further provides that "The liberty of abode and of changing the same within the limits prescribed by law shall not be impaired except upon lawful order of the court. Neither shall the right to travel be impaired except in the interest of national security, public safety, or public health, as may be provided by law.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Section 16, the General Welfare Clause of the Local General Code, states that the local government units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) acknowledged and declared the 2019 Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as pandemic;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 on March 8, 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the city mayor issued Executive Order 2020-006 released last February 6, 2020, creating the Action Against Coronavirus Task Force pursuant to Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2020-018;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Proclamation No. 922 provides that "All government agencies and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat";

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental issued Executive Order NO. 20-15, Series of 2020 on March 15, 2020 implementing the closure of borders, ports and airports of Negros Occidental; and,

WHEREAS, after consultation with the various stakeholders, the city government of Sipalay sees the need and undertaking to place the entire city under a community quarantine to implement precautionary measures, and to protect and preserve the health of the Sipalaynons against COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, MARIA GINA M. LIZARES**, the City Mayor of Sipalay City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and duly constituted authorities, do hereby order:

Section 1. **PLACING SIPALAY CITY UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** The City of Sipalay shall be placed under community quarantine from 12:00 AM of March 17, 2020 to 11:59 PM of April 17, 2020, subject to extension pending the results of the reassessment and DOH advisory.

Section 2. EXPANDING ACTION AGAINST CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE TO TASK FORCE COVID-19. The existing ACTION AGAINST CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE shall be reorganized into TASK FORCE COVID-19 which shall involve the business, religious, education, health and youth sectors. Its duties and scope shall be expanded and updated.

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The City Mayor, City Administrator, CHO and CDRRMO shall oversee the creation and coordination of all the action teams with specific duties under TF COVID-19. The composition of the action teams shall be:

2.a. **Health Emergency Management Team.** The Health Emergency Management Team shall be composed of the City Health Officer as chairperson, and COVID-19 coordinators, CDRRMO, City Tourism Development and Promotion Office (Tourism Office), Department of Education Schools Division of Sipalay City (DepEd), Liga ng mga Barangay President, Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) barangay midwives and barangay health workers (BHWs) as members.

2.b. **City Epidemiological and Surveillance Team.** The City Epidemiological and Surveillance Team shall be composed of the COVID-19 lead coordinator as chairperson, and City Health Officer, COVID-19 coordinators, CDRRMO, Tourism Office, DepEd, barangay midwives, barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) and BHWs as members.

2.c. **COVID-19 City Operation Center Team.** The COVID-19 City Operation Center Team shall be composed of the City Health Officer as chairperson, and CDRRMO, Executive Assistant for Peace and Security, City Administrator, Philippine National Police Sipalay City Police Station (PNP), DILG, Information Supervisor, and SP Secretary as members.

2.d. **Supply and Logistics Team.** The Supply and Logistics Team shall be composed of the City Administrator as chairperson, and CDRRMO, CHO, General Services Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office, Bids and Awards Committee, Executive Assistant for Peace and Security, and the business sector as members.

2.e. **Health Education and Promotion Team.** The Health Education and Promotion Team shall be composed of the COVID-19 coordinator as chairperson, and City Health Officer, COVID-19 coordinators, CDRRMO, Tourism Office, DepEd SDO Sipalay, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Sipalay (SK Sipalay), religious sector, business sector, barangay councils, midwives, BHERTs, BNS and BHWs as members.

2.f. **Information and Communication Team.** The Information and Communication Team shall be composed of the Information Supervisor as chairperson, and Information Officer, CHO, City Administrator, CDRRMO, DILG, PNP, Tourism Office, religious sector, business sector and SK Sipalay as members.

2.g. **Security, Enforcement and Health Checkpoint Team.** Security, Enforcement and Health Checkpoint Team shall be composed of the EA for Peace and Security as chairperson, and the CDRRMO, City Environemtn and Natural Resources Office, City Engineering Office, PNP, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Army, barangay councils, BHWs, barangay tanods, BHERTs, and traffice personnel as members.

Section 3. GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The community quarantine guidelines shall be observed at all times:

3.a. All residents of Sipalay who have recently returned from areas with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last month are hereby considered as Persons Under Monitoring (PUM);

3.b. All PUMs who display symptoms of COVID-19 will be elevated to Persons Under Investigation (PUI);

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3.c. There shall be a mandatory curfew for all residents starting 9:00 PM to 4:00 AM;

3.d. All residents are encouraged to practice social distancing (minimum of one (1) meter distance or at least one (1) seat apart), and avoid unnecessary exposure/visits to public places; and,

3.e. All restaurants, food stalls, eateries/carinderias and coffee shops shall also observe social distancing for dine in customers. Social distancing is also prescribed for all private and public transportation within the city.

Section 4. BORDER MONITORING AND REGULATION.

4.a. All passengers from Metro Manila and other provinces with confirmed COVID-19 cases will be considered PUM;

4.b. Inter-agency health checkpoint shall be stationed in all points of entry to the city. Health checkpoint protocols shall be strictly implemented;

4.c. All non-residents of Sipalay City with or without symptoms of COVID-19, shall be denied entry with exception to the following:

a) Personnel of health and medical facilities
b) Clients with official government business
c) Those employed in Sipalay
d) Personnel and/or vehicles delivering of basic commodities such as rice, produce, canned and boxed goods, medicines, cleaning supplies, etc.

The exemption shall extend to the official drivers of the persons concerned.

Proper identification and supporting documents of official business shall be shown to the checkpoint personnel and only upon verification that entry shall be allowed; and

4.d. All drivers and passengers of vehicles entering and passing Sipalay City shall be subjected to mandatory temperature checkup and interview of recent travel history. Refusal of the same shall mean denial of entry;

Section 5. RETURNING OFWs AND SIPALAYNONS FROM ABROAD AND OTHER PROVINCES. All returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and Sipalaynons from recent trips abroad and other provinces in the last month shall be considered PUM. They are mandated to:

5.a. Directly proceed to the City Health Office upon arrival for check-up and profiling. The CHO will then endorse the PUM to the barangay; and

5.b. Coordinate with the barangay council and assigned personnel for assistance and monitoring.

Section 6. PROTOCOL FOR PUM AND PUI. All PUM and PUI must regularly report and declare their health status through SMS, call or personal visits by assigned TF COVID-19 personnel for assistance and security.

All PUM are required to practice self-quarantine, social distancing and avoid visits to crowded public spaces.

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All PUI are not allowed to leave their assigned isolation areas until after the full course of quarantine and with clearance from the hospital or medical institution.

PUM and PUI who refuse to follow the quarantine protocol and directive of DOH and TF COVID-19 shall prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Section 7. INFORMATION EDUCATION AND SPREAD OF INFORMATION. The COVID-19 Hotlines shall be managed and controlled by the Information and Communication Team, COVID-19 coordinators, CDRRMO, Executive Assistant on Public Safety and Security and Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Regular updates online shall be in coordination with CHO and Merceditas Montilla District Hospital, and duly approved by the City Mayor for dissemination.

Radio stations operating in Sipalay City shall be utilized to broadcast verified and educational information on COVID-19.

Those who spread fake news and sow misinformation to the public shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Section 8. SECURING OF BASIC SUPPLIES AND PROHIBITION OF HOARDING NECESSITIES. The City Agriculture Office and the City Planning and Development Office in close coordination with the Supply and Logistics Team, Department of Trade and Industry, and chamber of commerce and/or association of businesses are tasked to monitor the price of produce and basic supplies in the city to avoid overpricing.

Pharmacies, and grocery and convenience stores shall ensure that no customers will hoard supplies on alcohol, face masks, disinfectant bleaches, and vitamins.

Section 9. TOURISM. Tourists from outside the city shall not be allowed entry and check-in in all accommodations, resorts, hotels, pension houses, and inns in Sipalay City during the effectivity of this Order unless lifted or earlier revoked by the City Mayor.

All guests who are already staying in Sipalay prior to the enforcement of the community quarantine are also enjoined to observe the COVID-19 preventive measures.

All reservations within the community quarantine period shall be cancelled. All hotels, pension houses and accommodations shall not book, reserve or admit any guests from outside of Sipalay City.

All tourism activities, local tours and island hopping are hereby suspended.

Section 10. EFFECTIVITY. This executive Order shall take effect on 12:00 AM of March 17, 2020 and remain effective unless earlier revoked.

Done in Sipalay City on March 16, 2020.

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